



Clay County Board Minutes



COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska, October 15, 2013 at 9:00 A.M.

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met October 15, 2013 as per public notice given in the Clay County News on October 9, 2013 a copy of the proof of publication being on file in the County Clerk's Office. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice of the meeting. Chairman Fintel presided with roll call showing the following present: Nuss, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw and Fintel. Minutes of the meeting held September 24, 2013 were mailed to the board members. All of the proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Chairman, Ivan Fintel stated that the open meeting law poster is posted on the west wall in the back of the room.

Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Nuss to approve the minutes of the meeting held September 24, 2013 as mailed. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Nuss and Fintel; abstain: Shaw. Motion carried.

Evan Hansen was present for Public Input. He told the board he had applied several times for positions in the Road Department. The last time he applied he was told that the county policy prevented his hiring because he would be supervised by a family member. The board answered questions regarding the policy.

Thomas Roemmich II, Highway Superintendent reported that the road by the Harvard Co-op is done. There are two culverts that they will be working on this week. Tom reported on the progress and some of the problems with the asphalt project. The loader is here and the truck should be delivered next week.

An agreement was received from Glenwood Telephone Membership Corporation who is in the process of constructing a buried fiber optic toll cable. There was no legal description on the document. The attached map is too large to file with the easement. If the two should get separated in the future there would be no indication on the agreement as to the location of the project. The agreement also mentions an Appendix B (Certificate of Insurance)that was to accompany this permit; there is no Appendix B attached. Tom will contact Glenwood and make them aware that the agreement would not be signed until it contained a legal description and the attachment.

Motion by Nuss and seconded by Shaw to open the public hearing for the merger of the Fairfield Fire District with the Village of Deweese at 9:45 A.M. On roll call, yea: Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Nuss, Samuelson and Fintel. Motion carried.

Evan Hansen was present representing the Fairfield Rural Fire District and the Village of Deweese. The chairman asked if there was any opposition or comments from any one. There was none.

The hearing was left open for 15 minutes during which time other business was conducted.



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Lists of surplus property from the Zoning, Treasurer, County Clerk and Extension offices were presented. Zoning has an IBM Wheelwriter typewriter, Kodak DX3700 Digital Camera, Kodak Camera Dock, GE Telephone with digital messaging, typewriter table and a 3 drawer metal filing cabinet. The Treasurer has a storage counter, 2 magazine racks, 3 toners, card file, a clock/radio and electric candle christmas lights. The County Clerk has a cordless GE phone with base and wall plug in, 1 computer speaker, a 17" Dell flat screen monitor, a 19" Sony flat screen monitor and 1 small grey 3 drawer file. The Extension office has an HP 5510 color printer, HP 2175 all in one printer, HP 640 fax machine, carousel slide projector, overhead projector, portable overhead projector, 2500 HP color laser printer, Sharp project from VCR to screen, Philco VCR/recorder, HP 640 fax/phone, fax machine, old phones, Kodak film camera, reel projector, scanner, 2 slide projectors, 850 H projector, 2 portable speaker systems, hardware for computer stand, homemade transport cart with wheels. It was decided to have a silent auction among employees for the surplus items and then if there were still items left, open it up to the public or discard them.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Samuelson to declare the items presented as surplus property. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Nuss, Samuelson and Fintel; Anderson stepped out. Motion carried.

After the last board meeting, the Emergency Manager had requested that the clerk not pay the claim that was presented to be paid to Emergency Communication Network for CodeRed in September. The clerk wanted it noted in the minutes that the board was aware of this since they had signed the claim for payment. This will provide documentation for the auditors. The agreement that had been presented for signing with the claim was mailed by the Emergency Manager to Emergency Communications Network.

Motion by Anderson and seconded by Johnson to close the public hearing at 10:00 A.M. On roll call, yea: Johnson, Shaw, Nuss, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt and Fintel. Motion carried.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Schmidt to have the County Attorney draw up a resolution authorizing the merger of the Fairfield Rural Fire District with the Village of Deweese. On roll call, yea: Shaw, Nuss, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson and Fintel. Motion carried.

Linda Whiting, County Assessor, Brenda Hansen, Deputy County Assessor and Barb Barnett, Zoning Administrator were present for the discussion on parcel terminology/definitions. Each office's definition is pertinent to their regulations or guidelines.

Sharon Lavene, County Treasurer asked the board what they wanted to do with the CD's the county has. The interest rate is very low. Sharon asked if they wanted to extend the time for the CD's in order to get a better interest rate. The board did not want to do this but thought money markets would be a good choice at this time since the interest rates are higher and the money could still be accessed. Sharon will check



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with the bank to see what if any fees are associated with the bank purchasing extra surety's for the money.

Chad Svoboda and John Boeder from Strong Financial Resources, Inc. presented a proposal for group medical and dental insurance. There were two proposals from Coventry for medical; MetLife would provide the life insurance and dental. Mr. Svoboda answered questions concerning the policies, coverage, providers and claims processing.

The fee reports were circulated for review. Motion by Schmidt and seconded by Johnson to accept the fee reports for the following county officials for the month of September 2013: County Clerk, \$5,266.07, County Court \$12,789.56, Clerk of District Court, \$8,659.13, Sheriff's fees for August 2013 \$4,660.18 and County Treasurer receipts #13090001 thru #13090056 in the amount of \$180,528.12. On roll call, yea: Nuss, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw and Fintel. Motion carried.

Doug Huffaker, president for Crooked Creek Golf Course and Darrel Kluver, chairman of the building committee met with the board to discuss land owned by the county located at the fair grounds. The group has a 99 year lease with the Ag Society for use of some of their property. The only concern the Ag Society has is maintaining the integrity of the drainage system that is in place. The group would like to purchase some of the property to straighten out property lines and accommodate a new club house. The board called Dennis Valentine who is the present President of the Clay County Agricultural Society to verify the Ag Society's position.

Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Johnson to allow Pasture Pool II to alter the drainage ditch and to change property lines as approved by the fair board on the fairground property. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Nuss and Fintel. Motion carried.

Ted Griess, County Attorney answered questions about the fairgrounds property, the CD's and the change of employment for Travis Songster.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Johnson to adjourn this meeting at 12:07 P.M.; next meeting scheduled for October 22, 2013. On roll call, yea: Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Nuss, Samuelson and Fintel. Motion carried.

Deborah Karnatz, County Clerk

Ivan Fintel, Chairman